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Watch Your Label—Keep Your Subscription Paid In Advance

Canning Sugar Applications To Be From Schools

Canning Sugar Applications And Coupons Will Be Handled By Mail

Canning sugar for 1945 will be issued after May 1 and applications will be distributed through the schools, local rationing officials have announced.

Application forms may be obtained through the schools the last week in April and when completed should be mailed to the rationing board office having jurisdiction over the area in which the applicant lives.

The applications will be processed at the rationing board offices and coupons will be mailed out to applicants after May 1. The local rationing boards wish to make it clear that no canning sugar will be issued at board offices except through the mails.

Nips Biggest Battle Wagon Goes Down

Guam, April 7—American carrier planes wiped out approximately one-quarter of Japan's remaining naval strength early today by sinking the 40,000-ton battleship Yamato, most powerful warship left to the enemy, and destroying or damaging eight other war vessels off the southern tip of Japan.

In addition, the Japanese lost 391 planes in two days of frantic and largely unsuccessful attacks on the American invasion forces on Okinawa and in nearby waters, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced.

The Americans lost seven planes in the attack on the enemy fleet; they lost three destroyers and several other destroyers and smaller craft damaged in the Japanese air attacks around Okinawa.

W. Q. Blankenship Claimed By Death

W. Quer Blankenship, age 52, widely known local cafe operator, died suddenly at his home in this city Sunday morning, three o'clock.

Mr. Blankenship had been in failing health for some time but had been able to continue to operate his business. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Born and reared in Alexander county, Mr. Blankenship came to North Wilkesboro 18 years ago and since that time had been engaged in the cafe business. He was a member of Mt. Nebo Baptist church in Alexander and was an active member of the North Wilkesboro Council of the Junior Order. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Julia Barnes Blankenship, three brothers and five sisters.

Funeral service will be held tomorrow at four p. m., at Reins-Sturdivant chapel and burial will be in Mount Lawn Memorial Park.

Board to Meet

The Board of Christian Education of the First Methodist church of North Wilkesboro will meet on Tuesday evening, 7:30, with Miss Mamie Sookwell.

RATION NEWS

MEATS, FATS: Red Stamps T5, U5, V5, and X5 will expire April 28; Red Stamps Y5, Z5, and A2, B2, C2, D2 will expire June 2; Red Stamps E2, F2, G2, H2, J2, will expire June 30; Red Stamps K2, L2, M2, N2, and P2 expire July 31.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue Stamps C2, D2, E2, F2, and G2 will expire April 28; Blue Stamps H2, J2, K2, L2, M2, will expire June 2; Blue Stamps N2, P2, R2, S2, will expire June 30; Blue Stamps T2, U2, V2, W2, X2 expire July 31.

SUGAR STAMP—35 will expire June 2. No new stamp will be validated until May 1st.

FUEL OIL—All coupons valued 10 gallons. Period 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 coupons for current heating season valid through current season.

SHOES—Airplane Stamps 1, 2, and 3 in Book Three, good indefinitely.

Prisoner In Germany



Cpl. James E. Ashley, who was reported missing in action in Germany since December 16, 1944, is a prisoner of war in Germany, according to a message received by his wife, Mrs. Edith Ashley, of Ronda. Cpl. Ashley went overseas in October, 1944.

Low Temperature Saturday Morning Killed Fruit Crop

Low temperatures and frost on Saturday morning has reduced prospects for fruit this year in Wilkes to practically nothing, many orchardists said here this week-end.

Many reports of temperatures in the 20's were received here, some as low as 20 and ranging up to 28 for Saturday morning.

Reports from the apple orchards on the Brushies, which usually escape frosts, said low temperatures there had frozen the apples, which had just shed their blooms.

However, there were some reports to the effect that some of the orchards may have a small crop this year.

The cold weather of Saturday morning prevailed all over this section of the country and early reports indicated that the fruit crop, both apples and peaches, is practically wiped out for the year.

Pvt. V. C. Combs Killed In Action

Mr. and Mrs. Woodie Combs, of Cycle, have been notified by the War Department that their son, Pvt. Virgil C. Combs, was killed in action in Holland on March 12.

Mayor McNeil and Board Members File

Mayor R. T. McNeil and all members of the North Wilkesboro board of commissioners have filed with the county board of elections for re-election, C. J. Jones, election board chairman, said today.

Members of the board are J. R. Hix, R. G. Finley, A. F. Kilby, Ralph Duncan and H. M. Hutchens. Members of the school board who have filed for re-election are W. E. Jones and Ira D. Payne. John W. Hall declined to be a candidate for another term and Rufus B. Church has filed for school board membership.

Cancer Campaign To Open April 15

Mrs. George Marshall, of Mt. Airy, state chairman for the cancer campaign, will deliver two addresses in North Wilkesboro on Friday, April 13.

She will address the Kiwanis club in meeting at noon and the North Wilkesboro Woman's Club at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Frank Tomlinson.

The cancer campaign will open in Wilkes April 15. The quota for the county is \$419. T. E. Story is campaign chairman and Mrs. Joe E. Johnson is co-chairman with the Woman's Club as sponsor.

Pfc. Reo J. Wood Wounded 2nd Time

Pfc. Reo J. Wood has been wounded the second time in combat with the Nazis, according to a letter received by his mother, Mrs. Alda C. Wood.

He stated that he was wounded on March 8 but his wounds were not as serious as those received December 6. He stated that he was in a hospital and on the road to recovery and that he hoped to be home this summer. He sent the Oak Leaf cluster to add to his Purple Heart medal received for the first wounds.

McIver Tells Club How Soil Erosion Can Be Prevented

Soil Conservationist Addresses North Wilkesboro Lions Club Friday

Stanton McIver, soil conservationist in charge of the soil conservation district office here, delivered an address Friday evening before the North Wilkesboro Lions club.

Mr. McIver, who is program chairman, presented his own program, illustrating his address with slides of pictures taken in Wilkes and adjoining counties. He stated that it takes nature a thousand years to make one inch of productive soil, which can be washed away in one hour's rain if erosion is not controlled or prevented.

He advocated that slopes of more than 12 percent grade be retired from row crops and be used for grass, pasture or timber. His address was well received by the club.

President Vernon Deal stated that James M. Anderson, Wm. T. Long and Presley Myers had been named as the arrangement committee for ladies night and that the program committee for that occasion is composed of J. H. Whitaker, Jr., Stanton McIver and R. A. Manship.

C. E. Jenkins, Jr., A. A. Sturdivant and Eugene White are the committee to represent the club in the forthcoming campaign to collect clothing for destitute people of war-ravaged countries.

At the meeting Friday evening Charles H. Day and W. C. Prewette returned to membership in the club. Quincy Adams was a guest of Paul Greene and County Agent Smith was a guest of Paul Cashlon at the meeting.

When Mooresville Infantryman Told He Always Does It



With the Third Infantry Division, France—When Sgt. Eugene W. Bentley, of Mooresville, is ordered to do something, he does it!

Down in Southern Alsace the other day, the Third division soldier was ordered to take a patrol 500 yards in front of friendly lines and harass the enemy. What he did went beyond the bounds of normal harassing.

About 30 yards from the Germans, Bentley opened up with his Tommy gun and killed two and wounded three Germans. The remainder of the patrol opened up and continued the harassing for several minutes. When they had ascertained enemy positions, Bentley gave word to pull back to their dug-in platoon.

But he, himself, wasn't finished harassing. He managed to kill another Kraut on the return trip.

Word from the Seventh army headquarters the first of the week states that Sgt. Eugene W. Bentley has been promoted to the grade of staff sergeant. He has seven months overseas. He is the holder of the EAME, CIB, Good Conduct ribbon and one Battle Star. S-Sgt. Bentley is the son of Mrs. Maggie L. Bentley, Route 1, Mooresville, N. C.

The Bentleys were residents of the Buck community of Wilkes before going to Mooresville one year ago.

Jonesville Man Dies In France

T-5 James E. Robertson died on March 14 in France, according to a War Department notice to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson, of Jonesville. This is the second son that Mr. and Mrs. Robertson have lost.

Killed On Iwo Jima



PFC. JOHN WALTER CRYSEL

Pfc. J. W. Crysel Killed In Action On Iwo Jima Isle

Wilkesboro Route 1 Youth Serving in Fourth Marine Division Casualty

Pfc. John Walter Crysel, age 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crysel, of Wilkesboro Route 1, was killed in action on Iwo Jima March 8. News of his death was contained in a Marine Corps telegram to his parents.

Pfc. Crysel graduated from Hamilton High school at Hamilton, Ohio, in 1943, and enlisted in the marine corps from Ohio November 26, 1943. He went overseas in August last year and served with the Fourth Marine division as a radar operator. Since he enlisted his parents moved from Ohio back to Wilkes.

Surviving Pfc. Crysel are his father and mother and one brother, Richard Crysel, of Wilkesboro Route 1.

Wilkes Man Is War Casualty

Pfc. Robert Watson Cheek, Jr., was killed in action on the Volcano Islands in the Pacific on March 11, according to a message from the War Department Tuesday to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watson Cheek, Sr., of Traphill.

Pfc. Cheek had been in the Marine corps for twenty-one months, and served eight months overseas. He received his training at Parris Island, Camp Peary, Va., and New River.

Cheek was a graduate of Ronda High school, and was employed at Chatam Manufacturing Company at the time he entered service.

Survivors are his parents; three brothers, Virgil, Phillip and Tommy Deal, all of the home; and four sisters, Sybil, Phyllis, Justin and Earlene, also of the home.

Pfc. Higgins Praised



Members of Pfc. Claude D. Higgins' company of the 34th Infantry division on the Italian front recently sent the following letter to The Journal-Patriot: "In this platoon we have a boy from North Wilkesboro, Pfc. Claude D. Higgins. He gets your paper regularly and we all read the paper he gets. He has been here in Italy 18 months. His first combat was at the Anzio beachhead and from there all the way up to Bolonia, or we are now looking on Bolonia. He has done excellent work all the way up and is highly regarded by everyone in the company. He has the combat infantryman badge, good conduct ribbon, Presidential citation ribbon, and is expecting the silver star for bravery in action. I'm sure he will keep up the good work."

Sanitation Laws Will Be Enforced For Public Safety

Garbage Must Be Placed in Covered Cans; Trash Scatterers To Be Arrested

As an added impetus to the clean-up movement under way in North Wilkesboro, Police Chief J. E. Walker in an interview here today warned the people of the city that the laws on sanitation will be enforced.

Chief Walker called attention to the town ordinance relative to garbage disposal. This requires that homes and places of business have covered garbage cans for deposit of garbage until the town truck comes for it. "It is not enough," Chief Walker said, "to throw the garbage and trash in the general direction of an open garbage can, thus scattering decaying matter over the premises for flies and stray dogs. Garbage must be placed in the cans and the lips placed closely on top. Garbage cans, for the safety of the public, should be fly-proof."

Chief Walker also called attention to the ordinance which makes it a violation of the law to throw paper and trash on the streets and sidewalks. If people on the streets have trash which they must get rid of immediately, they will find a trash can somewhere in the vicinity.

Another menace to the health and appearance of the city, Chief Walker said, is dogs running loose in the city. These dogs often overturn garbage cans and create unsightly scenes. Town ordinances require that dogs be confined, and they cannot run at large in the city. In addition to being a rabies threat, these stray dogs living from garbage cans create a health problem. Dogs running loose are subject to be shot or otherwise disposed of by the police department.

For the benefit of those who have not been able to obtain garbage cans, the town has secured a quantity for sale to the public at cost. Those who wish to obtain these cans are asked to call at the office of W. P. Kelly, town clerk.

Gets Air Medal



S. SGT. JAMES F. ROBERTS

S. Sgt. Roberts Is Commended, Given Air Medal

Staff Sergeant James F. Roberts, better known as Jim Frank, was recently awarded the Air Medal, according to a letter from General George C. Kenney to S. Sgt. Roberts' mother, Mrs. Lois Jarvis Roberts, Roaring River Route 2. General Kenney wrote: "Recently your son, Staff Sergeant James F. Roberts, was decorated with the Air Medal. It was an award made in recognition of courageous service to his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country, his home and to you."

"He was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific area from June 28, 1944, to December 11, 1944.

"Your son took part in sustained operational flight missions during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights included installations, shipping and supply bases, and aided considerably in the recent successes in this theatre.

"Almost every hour of every day your son, and the sons of other American mothers, are doing just such things as that here in the Southwest Pacific.

"There is a very real and very tangible contribution to victory (See ROBERTS—Page Five)

Killed In Germany



PFC. EARL D. SOUTHER

Pfc. Earl Souther Killed In Action In Germany 22nd

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Souther Battle Casualty on Western Front

Pfc. Earl D. Souther, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Souther, of North Wilkesboro Route 3, was killed in action in Germany March 20, according to information received by his mother from the War Department.

Pfc. Souther entered the army August 16, 1944, received training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and went overseas in the early part of February. He served with the 68th Armored Infantry battalion of the Seventh Army for about one year.

Pfc. Souther graduated from Wilkesboro high school in 1940, and prior to his induction in the army was employed by the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Company in Baltimore, Md.

Surviving Pfc. Souther are his parents; one brother, Evan Souther, in the army at Bartow, Fla.; and three sisters, Mrs. Ray Kal of Lincolnton; Ina and Mildred Souther, of North Wilkesboro Route 3.

Tire Certificates Dated Prior to 1st December Voided

C. H. Cowles and C. P. Walter, chairmen of the local War Price and Rationing boards, today advised Wilkes holders of tire certificates dated prior to December 1, 1944, that these certificates became invalid on April 1.

This action was taken, they said, to insure that the sharply cut supply of tires for April be used in transportation needs most essential to the war effort.

The pressure of an excess supply of outstanding certificates in proportion to the continuing short supply of tires made this invalidation necessary, they said.

It was pointed out that the action applies to all types of tires, including those for passenger cars, trucks and farm implements.

They called attention to a recent statement that less than 65 per cent of the number of passenger tires produced in March had been allocated for April by the War Production board.

Charlie E. Hawkins Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held today at Oak Ridge church for Charlie Monroe Hawkins, age 48, resident of the Hays community who died Saturday. Rev. S. L. Blevins and Rev. Troy Blevins conducted the last rites.

Mr. Hawkins is survived by his wife, Mrs. Oma Hawkins, and one daughter, Mrs. Adna Harrold, of Hays.

Allies Capture 309,058 Nazis In Fortnight

Paris, April 7—In one of the most dramatic fortnights of the war—since General Eisenhower carried his offensive across the Rhine—the Germans have lost more than 309,058 troops in prisoners alone, roughly 18,000 square miles of territory east of that river, and all chance of long continuing an organized fight.

Rev. L. B. Murray will preach at Purlar Baptist church Sunday at 11 a. m. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

Eller Re-elected Superintendent of Schools In Wilkes

Board of Education Appoints Central and Advisory School Committees

Chelcie B. Eller was re-elected superintendent of Wilkes county schools by the Wilkes county board of education in its April meeting.

Supt. Eller was first elected superintendent 12 years ago, succeeding the late C. C. Wright. The board also appointed committees for the nine central school districts in Wilkes county and an advisory committee for each individual school.

The central district committees are as follows:

- Wilkesboro—Dr. M. G. Edwards, T. M. Foster, O. K. Whittington, C. T. Doughton and W. C. Prewette.
- Mount Pleasant—Gerald McGee, M. L. Yates, J. Roby McNeill, W. D. Foster and Turner Huffman.
- Millers Creek—C. R. Whittington, J. F. Caudill, C. F. McNeill, C. J. Jones and H. P. Jones.
- Mulberry—W. H. Hayes, H. H. Jennings and R. M. Watson.
- Mountain View—G. C. Pendry, Roy Key, Mrs. Glenn Dancy, F. C. Johnson and Wilmer Woodruff.
- Traphill—J. W. McBride, Sam C. Johnson, D. C. Castevens, D. E. DeJournette, Wesley Joines.
- Ronda—G. C. Greene, Leet Poplin, O. D. Bentley.
- Roaring River—J. S. Pardue, G. M. Alexander, P. S. Alexander, J. C. Howard, L. W. Smyther.
- Lincoln Heights (Col.)—R. H. White, Tom Alexander, Charlie Harris.

The following advisory committees were named:

- White Oak—Nick Coffey, Phin Griffin, Bye Parsons.
- Whittington—J. F. Vannoy, Willie Whittington.
- Oak Grove—J. M. Parsons, Rudy Owens.
- Concord—B. F. Staley, Gaither Vannoy.
- Sherman—Alton Chancey.
- Loggins—J. E. Wayne, B. F. Osborn, Sydney Royal.
- Harmon—Dewey Miller, Shade Miller.
- Piney Ridge—Coy Miller, Charles Craven, Avery Miller.
- Burke—A. L. Reeves, Tom Absher, Wint Key.
- Friendship—Thomas J. Royal, Tom Perry.
- Flint Hill—D. V. Brown, T. T. Hutchinson, John Swim.
- Dehart—N. P. Brooks, A. A. Wyatt.

Double Creek—J. H. Alexander, A. M. Holbrook, Guy Pruitt.

New Life—Mrs. W. E. Bell, C. D. Blevins, Mack Pruitt.

Cane Creek—Tobias Handy, Davis McGrady.

Austin—M. G. Key, Watson Durham, Sheridan Baugus.

Mine Ridge—C. Cheek, Paul Wood, J. L. Lyon.

Roaring Gap—C. M. Speer, George Cooper, J. N. Gentry.

Pleasant Hill—M. J. Shore, P. E. Layall, E. F. Yarborough.

Benham—J. C. Newman, L. C. Carter, O. P. Holbrook.

Pleasant Ridge—Amie Luffman, Curtis Luffman, Bryant Carter.

Dennyville—A. H. Wellborn, G. C. Gray, P. L. Chambers.

Clingman—H. C. Greene, J. W. Caudill, Harvey Pardue.

Boomer—Bryan Osborn, Elisha Ferguson, S. T. Walsh.

Gilreath—James Moore.

Lewis—Roy Felts, Roney Pendergrass, Johnnie Gregory.

Lovelace—Mack Prewette, Edward Lunsford, Mrs. Lottie Mayberry.

Mt. Crest—M. V. Robinson, Jet Hayes, Floyd Hendren.